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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - FINAL PLENAR SESSION -
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SUMMARY WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE CONCLUDED AS SCHEDULED
AFTERNOON AUGUST 30 WITH ADOPTION OF WPPA BY ACCLAMATION.
MINOR RESERVATIONS MADE BY SURPRISINGLY FEW COUNTRIES, BUT
HOLY SEE STATED "CANNOT BE PARTY TO CONSENSUS". MOST OF THE
20 DELEGATIONS SPEAKING FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF PLAN INDICATED
SATISFACTION AND ACTIVE SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER ADOPTION WPPA BY PLENARY WITHOUT DEBATE OR VOTE, BUT
BY ACCLAMATION, INDIA WAS FIRST OF 20 COUNTRIES TO MAKE
CLOSING STATEMENT. INDIAN DEL EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER NEW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER PROVIDING OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR
PLAN. CANADA FOLLOWED WITH GENERAL ENDORSEMENT OF WPPA.

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2. JAPAN MADE SUCCINCT AND POINTED OBSERVATIONS ON WPPA,

SAHING (A) WPPA LACKS SENCE OF URGENCY; (B) NEEDED MORE SPECIFIC POPULATION GOALS FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LDC'S; (C) PARTICULARLY REGRETTED REMOVAL FROM PLAN OF REFERENCE IN UN DRAFT WPPA PARA 35 WHICH CALLED FOR REDUCTION OF BIRTH RATES TO 5-10 PER THOUSAND BY 1985; AND (D) THIER RESERVATIONS ON NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER UNCHANGED.

3. US DESCRIBED WPPA AS "EXCELLENT" AND CONSOLIDATING THE WIDE VIEWS EXPRESSED DRUING CITING, INTER ALIA, BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO PLAN FAMILIES AND FOR THE INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND MEANS TO DO SO, AND CALLING UPON GOVERNMENTS TO ASSURE THEIR AVAILABILITY TO ALL. US DEL ASLO SAID "THE IMPROVED PLAN GIVES FAR WIDER ATTENTION TO THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEED TO TAKE SPECIFIC MEASURES TO IMPROVE THEIR STATUS." ALSO EXPRESSED PLEASURE COUNTRIES INVITED BY WPPA TO SET QUANTATIVE GOALS FOR POPULATION PROGRAMS AND TO TAKE MEASURES TO ATTAIN THEM WITHIN A FINITE TIME. US REITERATED ITS POSITION ON NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH SECRETARY WEINBERGER SAID WAS NOT ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND OUR RESERVATIONS AND POSITION WERE AS VALID TODAY AS WHEN MADE AT 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (SEE SEPTEL TEXT OF SECRETARY WIENBERGER'S STATMENT IN PLENARY.)

4. ALGERIA FOLLOWED US TO PODIUM AND MADE MILD STATEMENT WITH NO REFERENCE TO WPPA BUT DID SPEAK WARMLY OF THEIR BABY, THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. CONCLUDED STATEMENT WITH EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER.

5. HOLY SEE SAID WPPA ADOPTED WAS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER UN DRAFT AND CONGRATULATED THOSE WHO INCORPORATED REFEREN- CES TO THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER INTO PLAN. CRITICIZED OVERALL STYLE OF PLAN AS TOO ABSOLUTE. HOLY SEE SAID WERE PLEASED AT REORIENTATION OF WPPA AND RECOGNIZED THE "POINT AT WHICH OUR PROPOSALS DID NOT MEET WITH THE MAJORITY"; HAD SOME FELIC- ITOUS WORDING BUT SUCH WORDING HAS DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS, THEREFORE HOLY SEE CONCLUDED THEY "CANNOT BE PARTY TO CONSENSUS." TWO OTHER REFERENCES IN THEIR STATEMENT TO THEIR NOT BEING PART OF THE CONSENSUS AND THEIR RESERVATION CLEARLY WIDEST AND STRONGEST AT CONFERENCE. (COMMENT: HOLY SEE ONLY STATED THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS AND IN NO WAY CAST ASPERSIONS ON AL THE COUNTRIES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE WORLD WHICH ACCEPTED PLAN. END COMMENT.)

6. SWEDEN CALLED SPPA "A GOOD ONE" WITH SOME PARTS BETTER AND SOME PARTS LESS SATISFACTORY THAN IN UN DRAFT. SAID THEY WISHED MORE CONCRETE BENCH MARKS, SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE, HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. IN CONCLUDING REMARK ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL ASPECTS OF PLAN, SWEDEN WOULD LOOK TO ECOSOC AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODY, THE POPULATION COMMISSION.

7. MEXICO GAVE WHOLEHARTED SUPPORT TO WPPA AND ANNOUNCED THAT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNFPA. (COMMENT: AMOUNT NOT MENTIONED BUT UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE \$1 MILLION IN PESOS.) PERU STATED HAS RESERVATIONS AS TO WPPA, BUT DID NOT STATE WHAT THEY WERE, YET SAID THEY WOULD ACCEPT THE WPPA CONSTRUCTIVELY.

8. MOROCCO SAID WPPA "CORRESPONDS FULLY TO MY GOVERNMENT'S POLICY," I.E. FAMILY PLANNING WITHIN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT POLICY. TUNISIA SAID THE UNPPA "UNDER MR. SALAS" SHOULD PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN CARRYING OUT PLAN.

9. FRANCE PROVIDED A "BALANCE SHEET ON THIRD WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE" WHICH THEY SAID WAS "VERY POSITIVE." FRANCE WAS PLEASED OVER WIDE APPROVAL OF WPPA MEASURES; SAID SHIFTS MADE IN CONTENT OF WPPA DURING PAST TWO WEEKS WERE ACCEPTABLE TO FRANCE, PARTICULARLY THE EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, FRANCE MADE CLEAR ITS RESERVATIONS ON REFERENCES TO NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS "PREMATURE," AND SAID THEY WERE SPEAKING NOT ONLY ON BEHALF OF FRANCE BUT SEVERAL EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES. OTHER POSITIVE ITEMS ON FRANCE'S BALANCE SHEET WERE REFERENCES IN WPPA TO SOVEREIGNTY, IMPROVED STATUS OF WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

10. PAKISTAN DEL WAS ONLY EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKER AT SESSION AND HE PASSIONATELY POINTED OUT THAT WORKING GROUP ON WPPA HAD BEEN DOMINATED BY A ATYPICAL AREA NOT AFFECTED WITH POPULATION PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN ASIA. (REFERENCE PRESUMABLY WAS TO ARGENTINA.) HE DESCRIBED WORKING GROUP ON WPPA AS "DEMOLITION GANG" WHICH WAS LATER REPLACED BY "CONSTRUCTION GANG" WITH ONLY THING IN COMMON "IS SITE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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STRUCTURE."

11. IRELAND STATED PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF PLAN HAD BEEN IMPROVED AND WAS PLEASED OVER THE INCLUSION OF STATUS OF WOMEN. STATED RESERVATION ON PORTION OF PARA 15 WHICH CALLS FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES ON REQUEST. (PRESUMABLY IRISH DEL READS FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN ADMITTEDLY VAGUE PARA 15.)

12. SYRIA STATED RESERVATION PARA 52 IN EVENT ISRAEL INTERPRETS IN MANNER TO USE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP RESETTLE MIGRANTS.

12. PRC ENDORSED PLAN, ALTHOUGH FELT THAT IT REFLECTED MALTHUSIAN BIAS WHICH WAS INCREASINGLY BEING RECOGNIZED AS WRONG BY THE

POEPL OF THE WORLD. WPPA WAS WEAK IN NOT ADDRESSING ITSELF TO THE REAL POPULATION PROBLEMS, NAMELY, UNEMPLOYMENT, POVERTY AND STARVATION. THESE IN TURN WERE PRODUCTS OF SUPERPOWER OPPRESSION, "SOCIAL IMPERIALISM," AND IN PARTICULAR THAT SUPER-PPWER WHICH LABELS ITSLEF SOCIALIST" ALBANIA ESSENTIALLY REPEATED PRC GENERAL STATEMENT.

14.USSR COMMENTED THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD COME TO A SUCCSSFUL CONCLUSION AND THAT THIS WAS DUE TO SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAD PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS. THEY CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONFERENCES WHICH HAD BEEN HELD UNDER UN SPONSORSHIP AND THAT IT HAD DONE EXCELLENT WORK. YUGOSLAVIA ALSO EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE, SAYING IT PUT POPULATION ISSUES IN PROPER PRESPECTIVE IN RELATION TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FACTORS, DEVELOPMENT DECADE II AND THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. HE ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

15. THE ROMANIAN CHARIMAN IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE; THE CONSIDERABLE VALUE OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE, ALL OF WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, AND EMPHASIZED THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH THE CONFERENCE HAD MADE TO THE WELFARE OF MANKIND.

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16. SECRETARY-GENERAL CARRILLO-FLORES IN HIS FAREWELL REMARKS POINTED THE ROUTE OVER NEXT YEAR WPPA WILL PASS (1) FALL ECOSOC, (2) GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (3)SPRING 1975 ECOSOC FOR "INDEPTH STUDY", AND PERHAPS SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1975 DEALING WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN RELATION TO UN STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM. BARNES

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